

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-34 (Cancelled)

35. (Original) A device for tightening a strap around freight, comprising:
- a. a body capable of being rotated and comprising:
    - i. a means for holding a first end of a strap; and
    - ii. a first head positioned at a first end of the body for receiving a torsion arm; and
  - b. a clamp coupled to the body for holding a second end of the strap and comprising:
    - i. at least two clamp arms, wherein at least one arm is rotatably coupled to the clamp.

36. (Original) The device of claim 35, wherein the means for holding a strap comprises a slot.

37. (Original) The device of claim 35, further comprising a cam rotatably coupled to the clamp for securing the at least two clamp arms at a second end.

38. (Original) The device of claim 37, further comprising a locking arm coupled to the cam for attaching the cam to the clamp arm.

Claims 39-40 (Cancelled)